

REMARKS

Claims 1-20 are pending. By this Amendment, claims 1-18 are amended and new claims 19-20 are added. The amendments conform the claims to U.S. practice and do not narrow the scope of the originally filed claims.

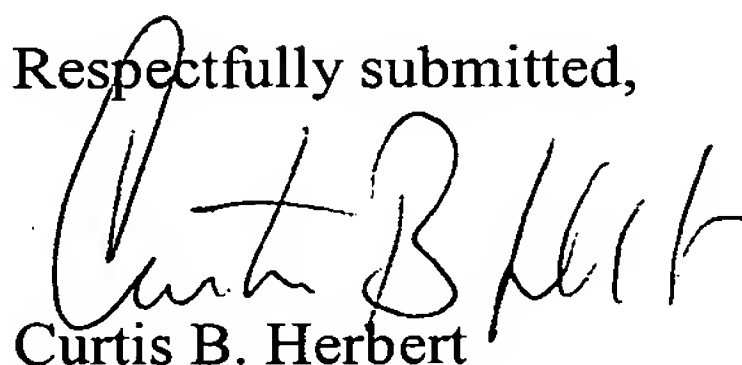
The specification has been amended to place headings and to insert sequence identification numbers so as to more closely conform with standard U.S. practice. The sequences identified by the sequence numbers are available in the public records referenced in the specification and are not new matter.

The specification has also been amended to include the sequence identified as SEQ. ID No. 2, which is supported by originally filed claim 11, and therefore is not new matter.

In view of the foregoing, it is submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable consideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

The Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned if the Examiner believes it would be useful to advance prosecution.

Respectfully submitted,



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